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TWO CENTS

## FRENCH WIN BIG VICTORY

**Surprised Germans by Their  
Fierce Attack in the  
Douaumont Sector**

## TEUTONS SUFFERED ENORMOUS LOSSES

The French Success Is Considered by  
Critics to Have Taken the Whole  
German Line at Verdun—Forced to  
Yield at Point of Bayonet.

PARIS, May 23.—Fighting continued with extreme violence on both banks of the Meuse along the Verdun front during the whole night. Two German counter attacks on the French positions on Hill No. 304 failed completely, the war office announced this afternoon. The French made further gains within Fort Douaumont. The Germans now hold only a small angle in the northeastern corner of the fort. The battle around Hill No. 304 was especially severe. In attacking the French positions on the west side of the hill the Germans used liquid gas, the official statement says, and penetrated one of the French trenches, but were dislodged at once.

On the east side of the hill the Germans attacked, after intense artillery preparations, but were not permitted to reach the French line.

The principal fighting east of the Meuse was in the sector between Thiamont and Douaumont. The Germans attacked in mass formation and are said to have suffered enormous losses. They succeeded in re-occupying one of the trenches north of Thiamont farms which had been captured by the French.

The French victory is received with great elation by the press and the public, the more so on account of the effect it is expected to have on neutral opinion.

The French commander at Verdun took advantage of the fact that the Germans recently have been concentrating all their attention on Dead Man's hill on the other side of the river and assembled a large amount of artillery for the attack on the Douaumont sector.

On Sunday the French began a heavy artillery attack on Fort Douaumont and adjacent positions. The hour fixed for the infantry assault was 4.30 p. m. yesterday. When the moment came the French artillery, which had been carefully selected and trained, began the advance. The German resistance at some points was stubborn. In places the French had to force back the German infantry inch by inch, at the point of the bayonet.

The leading French contingent reached Fort Douaumont at 5 o'clock. They killed the Germans who resisted. As soon as they recovered from their surprise the Germans launched a number of fierce counter attacks, but all failed and by 10 p. m. preparations had been completed to deal with the serious efforts the Germans are expected to make to re-occupy the lost positions. The French success is considered by military critics here to have taken the whole German line at Verdun.

## FROST DESTROYED CROPS.

Great Disaster to Russia Reported by Berlin News Agency.

BERLIN, May 23, by wireless to Sayville. A crop disaster in Russia is reported in advices received from Stockholm by the Over Seas News agency. It is said all winter crops of the northern and middle governments of Russia have been destroyed by a severe frost.

## First Baptist Church

Wednesday, May 24, 8.30 p. m.—Junior Christian Endeavor meeting.

## In Odd Fellows' Temple

Tuesday evening, May 23, at 7.30.—Regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge. After the meeting an informal reception will be held for those upon whom honors were conferred at the assembly.

Wednesday, May 24, 7.30 p. m.—Special meeting of Ousia encampment to confer the Golden Rule degree on a large class of candidates. A good attendance is desired.

**Safety First  
Quality Next**  
in the Shop of Sanitation  
**The Brooks House Sanitary  
Barber Shop**  
5 EXPERT WORKMEN  
and Some Shine Artist

## SPRAGUE COMPANY TO LEAVE ORANGE

To Move to Fitchburg on Account of  
Scarcity of Help — Orders  
Are Refused.

ORANGE, Mass., May 23.—The F. H. Sprague company, maker of children's garments, announced yesterday that it would move the factory from Orange to Fitchburg, the change to take effect in August. This move is made because the company is unable to secure sufficient women help for the fast increasing business, though every effort has been made to relieve the congestion which has been accumulating during the past five years.

It means that the main office and factory will be located in Fitchburg after Aug. 1, and that the Orange factory, which is of sufficient size to employ 400 hands, will be closed. Already a building of similar proportions is being fitted for the occupancy in Fitchburg. At present the company employs about 150, most of whom are women operators, and there is also a plant in Turners Falls employing about 60.

The Turners Falls plant has been bought and the working force will be increased as rapidly as possible. Since Jan. 1 the company estimates it has turned down orders aggregating \$35,000 because of a scarcity in help, and the business turned down in the past five years is estimated at about \$100,000.

The company is assured that this difficulty will be removed in Fitchburg, where labor is more plentiful. The overhead expenses there will be no greater than in Orange, and the company hopes to double the output.

## AUSTRIANS USING THE BIG NAVY GUNS

In Spite of the Terrific Bombardment  
the Italians Hold Their Positions  
Tenaciously.

ROME, May 23, via Paris. — The Austrians have transferred to the Italian front a number of 381 and 420 millimeter guns. The latter cannot have been taken from the battleships which have been bottled up in the harbor of Pola since the beginning of the war. The detonations of these enormous cannon seem to actually split the Alpine peaks, causing frequent avalanches, but in spite of the terrific bombardment, which is going on night and day, and the reckless expenditure of ammunition by the Austrians, their further advance seems impossible in view of the positions which the Italians hold tenaciously.

## CAPTAIN A PRISONER.

Officer of French Steamship, Sunk,  
Taken Aboard a Submarine.

MARSEILLES, France, May 23.—Information received here today concerning the loss of the French steamship Languedoc shows that she was sunk in the Mediterranean on Saturday by a submarine. The captain was taken away a prisoner on board the submarine on the ground that he attempted to defend his ship.

## GERMANS ADMIT REVERSES.

Claim, However, That Fort Douaumont Is Firmly in Their Hands.

BERLIN, May 23, by wireless to Sayville. — Announcement was made by the war office today that in the fighting north of Verdun the French have taken some first line positions of the Germans, but that Fort Douaumont remains firmly in German hands.

## WIRE TAPPING CASE.

Two Indictments Returned Against Officials by Grand Jury.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The first indictments resulting from the tapping of telephone wires in this city were returned by the Kings county grand jury today. John A. Kingsbury, city commissioner of charities, and William H. Hotchkiss, special counsel for the charity department, were the men named in the indictment.

## ROOSEVELT TESTIFIED.

Appeared as Character Witness for  
Washington Bank Official.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Former President Roosevelt appeared on the witness stand today in the perjury trial of three officers of the Riggs National bank. He testified as a character witness for President Glover of the bank, one of the indicted men. Col. Roosevelt said he had come to Washington voluntarily.

## AGAINST WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Amendment to the Porto Rican Bill  
Voted Down by the House.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The house struck from the Porto Rican bill today by a vote of 80 to 59 an amendment designed to grant woman suffrage to the island. The bill then passed without roll call, virtually as introduced.

## GARMENT WORKERS QUIT.

4,000 to 5,000 in 200 Shops on a Strike  
in Boston.

BOSTON, May 23.—Garment workers numbering between 4,000 and 5,000 quit work in 200 shops in this city today in an effort to obtain an eight-hour working day and a wage advance.

## SHARP NOTE TO GREAT BRITAIN

Protestations Against Continued  
Interference with  
American Mails

## DRAFT GIVEN TO STATE DEPARTMENT

General Terms Explained to Cabinet—  
United States Cannot Consent to Continuance  
of Policy to Which It Has  
Already Objected.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—President Wilson sent to the state department today the complete draft of a new note to Great Britain protesting against interference with American mails. It was not laid before the cabinet, but its general terms were explained. The note will be cabled to London immediately, and it is understood that a duplicate will go to the French government.

The note is understood to protest particularly against the British practice of taking vessels into English ports and there examining and detaining mail going to and from the United States. The American note makes plain that the United States cannot consent to continuance of the policy to which it already has objected.

## STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST DR. WAITE

Prosecution Forging Its Chain Link by  
Link — Prisoner in Broken  
Condition.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The chain of evidence by which prosecution hopes to send Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, the young New York dentist to the electric chair for the murder of his wealthy father-in-law, was tightened link by link today by an array of witnesses whose testimony was remarkable for its directness.

From the druggist who sold Waite the arsenic with which he already confessed he killed his father-in-law to the physician who afterwards examined the body as well as the undertaker who buried it there was an unbroken line of corroborated evidence.

The organs of the aged victim's body, preserved in glass jars, were shown to the jury.

Waite, pale and visibly unnerved, hung his head and gazed almost continuously at the floor. His hitherto apparently disinterested demeanor had completely left him, and when recess was announced at 1 o'clock he was led from the court room with faltering steps.

To add to the prisoner's discomfort, Mrs. Margaret Horton, his studio companion, who, according to the district attorney, will play a conspicuous part in the trial, appeared and occupied a seat in the rear of the court room.

Joseph Stratler, a Grand Rapids undertaker, who had charge of the exhumation of Mr. Peck's body, testified that Waite told him that he wanted a post mortem examination of Mr. Peck's body, but that Mrs. Waite objected.

"When I bade him good-bye at the railroad station after the burial of Mr. Peck I told Waite 'you guessed pretty nearly right, didn't you?'" Asked what he meant by that the witness said that when the ashes of Mrs. Peck had been buried he accompanied Waite to the station and wished him a pleasant journey. "Dr. Waite's reply," said Mr. Stratler, was "O, that's all right. There will be another one in about three months."

"I asked him what he meant, and he said something about Mr. Peck. That was why I told him after Mr. Peck's death that he had guessed about right."

## 30,000 TROOPS TO EXTERMINATE BANDITS

The Carranza Government to Place a  
Formidable Force in Territory  
South of the Border.

ASHINGTON, May 23.—The Carranza government has ordered 30,000 troops into the region south of the border to exterminate the bandits, according to information received today at the state department.

Gen. Oregon's original order, issued after his conference at El Paso with Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston, assigned 10,000 men to thoroughly police the territory south of the American expeditionary force. The new troop movements are already in process through Chihuahua, the state department advices state.

## SHOT BY TEXAS RANGERS.

Two Mexicans Held on Serious Charges  
Attempted to Escape.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, May 23.—Col. Louis Morin, charged with planning a Mexican uprising in Southern Texas, and Victoriano Ponce, charged with participating in the wrecking of a train near here in October, were shot to death when they attempted to escape from the Texas Rangers last night, according to a report reaching here.

## BUILDING CODE IS TURNED DOWN

Section Defining Fire Limits Saved  
from Wreck — By-Laws Adopted  
—Loafers Must Move On.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, May 23. In a fairly well attended special village corporation meeting last evening in the Opera house the voters of Bel lows Falls rejected the new building code, with the exception of the fire limits, and adopted a new set of by-laws as presented by the committee which drew them up, the only changes being amendments to a few which did not materially affect their meaning.

The building code came before the voters for action following the opening of the meeting and Patrick McDermott moved that the article in relation to the code be dismissed. A discussion lasting several minutes took place and the motion finally prevailed, with the exception that the first section, defining the fire limits in the business section, was passed. The fire limits include a strip 15 feet wide each side of Rockingham and Westminster streets from Canal and Rockingham streets to the junction of Westminster and Church streets. It is expected that efforts will be made to add to the building code a little at a time at future meetings.

Many of the by-laws which were accepted have been in force some years. The ordinances which were adopted last evening are new and there are 27 of them. They cover a wide range of community affairs from noisy dogs to the regulation of automobile traffic.

Under the by-laws the trustees are authorized to license drivers and places, bowling alleys, and similar places. New fire regulations are in force, which give the chief engineer power to visit places which require attention and order them to be cleaned.

One part, upon which there was a little debate, gives the trustees the right to regulate the collection of garbage and authorize them to arrange for its systematic collection. The value of newspaper advertising was shown when a section referring to the lighting of streets came up for action. Upon motion of Attorney G. A. Weston an amendment was added which requires trustees to advertise in the local newspaper each day previous to a hearing which shall be held, which any person interested may attend and be heard in regard to the renewing or making of any contract to light the streets.

Loafers may be compelled to move by the police. When this section came up the action of Dominick McDermott, a leading member of the local Central Labor union, moved that it be dismissed as he considered that under it the organized labor of the town would not be allowed to hold meetings on the street nor take part in parades. It was explained that meetings and parades were lawful and could not be interfered with under the by-law. He withdrew his motion. T. E. O'Brien, a member of the committee which drew up the by-laws, explained why the by-law had been inserted. He said it was designed to protect passersby on Rockingham street. For years it has been impossible for men or women to walk on that street without passing in review a crowd of men and youths. They have made remarks about the women and spit tobacco juice upon the sidewalk. When the motion to accept the by-law was put before the meeting for a vote it was given the heartiest support of the evening.

The passage of this by-law gives the police the authority to move these loafers from the sidewalk. It also gives the police the authority to move these loafers from the sidewalk. It also gives the police the authority to move these loafers from the sidewalk.

Handbills may not be distributed in the streets of the village nor can they be thrown upon the steps or sidewalks of any house in the village limits. They must be deposited in the letter box or slide or placed so that they cannot be blown about.

If the by-laws are enforced as accepted the residents of this village will find themselves walking the straight and narrow path because a wide variety of subjects has been covered. The building code and by-laws were drawn up by a committee consisting of T. E. O'Brien, E. S. Leonard and E. L. Walker.

## MARINES FOR SANTO DOMINGO.

Tennessee Sails With Louisiana Men  
and Field Supplies.

NORFOLK, Va., May 23.—Bound to Santo Domingo with marines and a large quantity of field supplies, the cruiser Tennessee cleared the Virginia Capes yesterday. She has the entire marine guard of the battleship "Arizona" on board. Capt. Noa of the local marine barracks and Lieut. Stack were ordered to Santo Domingo for duty and sailed on the cruiser.

Three hundred cots, 100 tents and other supplies were loaded on the Tennessee Sunday while she was anchored in Hampton Roads.

BOSTON, May 23.—The battleship Nebraska, in command of Capt. Guy H. Burrage, sailed from the navy yard yesterday under special orders. Her destination is unknown to all except Capt. Burrage and to the naval authorities in Washington. It is believed the Nebraska is bound for Santo Domingo or Vera Cruz.

## DUMMERSTON.

Gilman F. Vaine of Putney is helping Charles Townsend again for a few weeks.

According to a London chemist, the surest way to determine the age of a picture is to analyze the pigments.

## REGULATIONS FOR TRAFFIC

Town and Village Fathers  
Collaborate in Proposed List

## OWNERS AND DRIVERS

Conference Called for Saturday Night  
at 7.30 in Selectmen's Room—Sug-  
gestions Desired for Possible Im-  
provement of Code.

The village commissioners and the selectmen of Brattleboro have collaborated in drafting a set of traffic regulations to be operative within the limits of Brattleboro. The two boards will meet Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock in the office of the selectmen in the town hall building to hear and consider suggestions by any interested in such regulations. Owners and drivers of all kinds of vehicles are urged to read the proposed rules and to appear at the meeting of the two boards and make such suggestions for improvement as may seem advisable to them.

The law of the road as provided by number 141 of the Acts of 1910 and applied to conditions in Brattleboro is as follows:

1. All vehicles shall pass each other to the right.

2. Any vehicle in overtaking another shall pass to the left of it.

3. All vehicles turning to the right into another street shall turn the corner as near the curb as practicable. All vehicles turning to the left into another street shall keep to and pass to the right of the intersection of the centers of such streets.

4. An operator of an automobile on approaching a crossing or intersecting highway, bridge, sharp turn, steep descent or brow of a hill, shall have the same under perfect control and give timely signal.

5. Where there is not an unobstructed view of the road for at least 100 yards, the operator of an automobile shall keep his vehicle on the right side of the center of the traveled part of the highway.

In addition the following traffic regulations are proposed:

1. No vehicle shall pass another ahead unless there is a clear way of at least 100 feet in advance of the vehicle ahead.

2. No vehicle shall stop or stand at the intersection of any street.

3. No vehicle shall stop with its left side to the curb. No vehicle shall stop in a public street except with its right side close to and parallel with the curb.

4. No vehicle shall remain backed up to the curb except when actually loading or unloading merchandise, coal or machinery, and then for only so long as may be necessary.

5. No person shall scatter or permit to be scattered from any vehicle or otherwise any metal, glass or other substance, and no person shall leave in any place, broken bottles in any streets or gutters.

6. On Main street between the bridge and the fountain, all vehicles shall keep to the right of the street railway track when possible.

7. The driver of a vehicle about to turn, either from a standstill or in motion, shall give a timely signal by hand or whip in some unmistakable manner to indicate the direction of the turn.

8. The driver of a vehicle shall on approaching a street car not in motion, slow down so as to safeguard passengers who are alighting.

9. All vehicles crossing from one side of the street to the other shall do so at the intersection of streets so as to head in the same direction as traffic on that side of the street.

10. Any vehicle on the approach of a fire apparatus shall immediately draw near to and parallel with the curb and stop. Any street car shall stop so as not to interfere with the passage of the apparatus.

11. No vehicle shall be allowed to stand, either on Elliot street in front of the engine house.

12. The driver of any vehicle shall stop and start upon a signal from a police officer.

13. The word vehicle includes horses or any other animals hitched to vehicles, lead horses, vehicles of any kind or anything on wheels except street-cars and baby carriages.

14. Whoever violates the foregoing rules and regulations, shall be fined not exceeding \$20 for each offense.

## GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Miss Cannon of Russell, Mass., Pleaded in Court at Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 23.—Elizabeth C. Cannon of Russell pleaded guilty to a manslaughter charge in the superior court this morning. Judge Richard W. Irwin continued the case for sentence until September and released Miss Cannon in \$1,000 bail. Miss Cannon is charged with having poisoned her ward, Lucille M. Thomas, a five-years old child. She had a great affection for the child and feared she was to be taken back by her real mother.

## BELIEVES NADEAU VISITED HIS CAMP

Armed Desperado Appeared Near Fort  
Kent, Maine—Said He Planned  
to Kill Four.

BANGOR, Me., May 23.—A man who has a camp at Nigger Brook pond, a few miles from Fort Kent, believes he had a visit on Saturday night from Freeman Nadeau, the famous hunter, guide and trapper, who escaped from the Bangor state hospital a few weeks ago and has been trailed by the officials of northern Maine ever since.

Nadeau, who has a long record of prosecutions for violation of the liquor law, poaching and petty offenses, was indicted, attempted to cut his throat while in jail, and was committed to the hospital for observation.

The camper says that late at night a man who answered Nadeau's description appeared. He was armed with a rifle, revolver and well-filled cartridge belt. The visitor's first question was, "Are you alone here?" Receiving an answer in the affirmative, he appeared to be much relieved and made himself at home, giving his enforced host a casual bit of advice to the effect that if anyone came to the camp he would do well to watch out as there would be some shooting going on around there.

The intruder said that before he would be taken he would use up all his ammunition. He added that he was going to kill just three men and one woman, if he had a chance, before coming to a sudden end. He demanded food of the man in the camp, but would not let him prepare it, doing all the cooking himself, evidently being suspicious of an attempt to poison him. He had all the appearances of a desperate man. He left the camp early in the morning in the direction of the Canada line, a few miles distant.

## BAILEY COMPLETES PRIMARY RETURNS

Charles E. Hughes Received 5,480 of  
the Total of 7,757 Cast in Ver-  
mont on May 16.

MONTELELIER, May 23.—The official returns of the first primary ever held in Vermont, that of May 16 for expressing a preference for president, have been tabulated and today at 10 o'clock the canvassing board met in the office of Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey and announced the result. The figures tabulated by Secretary Bailey are as follows:

Republican ticket—Charles E. Hughes, 5,480; Theodore Roosevelt, 1,231; Samuel W. McCall, 183; Elihu Root, 180; Henry T. Ford, 24; John W. Weeks, 28.

Democratic ticket—Woodrow Wilson, 3,711; Champ Clark, 28.

Progressive ticket—Theodore Roosevelt, 1,418.

There were reported 151 scattering votes. The canvassing committee consists of a superior judge, designated by the chief justice of the supreme court, Judge Willard W. Miles; Chairman Stanley C. Wilson of the Republican state committee; Chairman James E. Kennedy of the Democratic state committee; Dr. H. Nelson Jackson of the Progressive state committee; Secretary of State Bailey.

AEROPLANES ARRIVE.

Military Aviators Trying Out 160  
Horsepower Machines.

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 23.—The new 160 horsepower aeroplanes arrived here today and the military aviators began preparing them for field service. Eighteen cars of food and forage shipped over the Mexico & Northwestern railroad reached the American command at Casa Grande yesterday, according to reports here.

## THE WEATHER

Cloudy Tonight and Wednesday.—  
Probably Showers—Warmer Tonight.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The weather forecast: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Probably showers. Warmer tonight. Moderate south winds.

## TROOPS CROSS THE FRONTIER

Victorious Austrians Claim  
to Have Reached Italian  
Territory

## TOOK IMPORTANT STRATEGIC POINT

Very Small Loss for the Attacking  
Force—Captured 65 Officers, 2,500  
Soldiers, Three Cannon and Two Ma-  
chine Guns.

BERLIN, May 23, wireless to Sayville.—The following account of recent operations on the Austro-Italian front was given out today by the Over Seas News agency:

On May 14 Austro-Hungarian artillery became active at many places along the Tyrol front. Early on the morning of May 15 Austro-Hungarian troops were able to advance at several places in the sector on account of the excellent results obtained by the artillery. The first Italian positions were taken with very small loss for the attacking forces and 600 Italians belonging to one of the new regiments formed during the winter were captured. Those men had arrived recently at the front.

In the Terragnola valley the enemy resisted tenaciously in several places. At many places the Italians were driven far beyond their first line positions. In this day's fighting there were captured 65 officers, more than 2,500 soldiers, three cannon and two machine guns.

On May 16 the attack was renewed along the whole line. The Austrians captured a position which, according to an Italian order, a copy of which was found, was designated as one of the chief points of resistance to be defended to the utmost.

Austro-Hungarian troops advanced everywhere on May 17. At some points the victorious troops crossed the Italian frontier and at other points they advanced close to the border.

## TOBACCO BARN IN HINSDALE BURNED

Fire from Unknown Cause Results in  
\$1,600 Loss—Flames Kept from  
Spreading to Near-by Woods.

(Special to The Reformer.)

HINSDALE, N. H., May 23. The fire alarm was sounded about 8.30 o'clock last evening for a fire in the tobacco barn owned by Joseph Zaboroutny and located on the hill east of his house on the Northfield road.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Zaboroutny, who noticed the reflection on the fields about the house, and the alarm was telephoned to the village by Mrs. Willis D. Stearns. The flames had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the building, although a large number of firemen were hurried to the scene in automobiles, generously offered for use by their owners. However the flames were kept from spreading to the nearby woods.

The building, which was 120 feet by 30 feet, was totally destroyed. It was empty, except for two small cultivated stores stored there. The loss is estimated at about \$1,600, and there was \$800 insurance.

The origin of the fire is a mystery as no one had been working in that locality during the day and the barn was located too far from the railroad, it is thought, to have been set by a spark from a passing locomotive. The Zaboroutny farm is the formerly well-known Davis place.

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